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### **REP. SANTIAGO JOINED LATINO POLICYMAKERS IN BOSTON FOR NALEO EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS INSTITUTE**

*Santiago and more than 50 other policymakers focused on strategies to ensure their communities are  
best prepared to respond to natural and man-made emergencies*

**Rep. Ezequiel Santiago (D-Bridgeport)** joined the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, the nation's preeminent Latino leadership organization, and more than 50 other policymakers from across the country for a two-day institute in Boston, Massachusetts. The event provided local and state officials with professional development on how to proactively prepare their communities to confront and recover from natural or man-made emergencies during a time of increasing global and domestic threats.

During the NALEO Educational Fund's *National Policy Institute on Emergency Planning and Preparedness* that took place from August 19-20, 2016, Santiago had the opportunity to enhance his knowledge and understanding of the different levels of planning and preparedness needed to help the community prepare for, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from various types of disasters and emergencies.

"This was an excellent opportunity to learn, from a policy perspective, actions that we can take as elected officials to promote social stability after disasters," **Rep. Santiago** said. "Although it's easy to get complacent during long periods of stability, we cannot allow ourselves to become increasingly vulnerable."

In addition to strengthening their governance skills and receiving timely information on emergency planning and preparedness, Rosario also had the opportunity to network with colleagues and leading experts from throughout the country.

The group of policymakers that participated will be invited to a second Policy Institute in 2017 that will focus on emergency management and response.

This event was made possible through the generous support of Title Sponsor, State Farm<sup>®</sup>. A full schedule and list of speakers is available on the NALEO Educational Fund website at [http://www.naleo.org/2016\\_emergency](http://www.naleo.org/2016_emergency).

Rep. Santiago represents the 130th district in Bridgeport. In addition to serving as Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Conservation and Development, he serves on the Appropriations, Commerce and Planning and Development Committees.

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